WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE BORN AGAIN TO SEE THE KINGDOM OF GOD?

Strange as it may seem the real meaning has LITTLE TO DO WITH WHAT THE CHURCH TEACHES.

The third chapter of John's Gospel includes some very important teachings. Most people have heard of the 16th verse ("For God so loved the world . . ."). The context of this famous verse is the fascinating story of a Pharisee named Nicodemus, who visited Jesus by night.

Who was Nicodemus?

Nicodemus was a Pharisee and "a ruler of the Jews" (John 3:1), which means he was a Jewish leader and probably a member of the Jewish council, the Sanhedrin. Nicodemus would have understood the Old Testament and Jewish alien traditions very well.

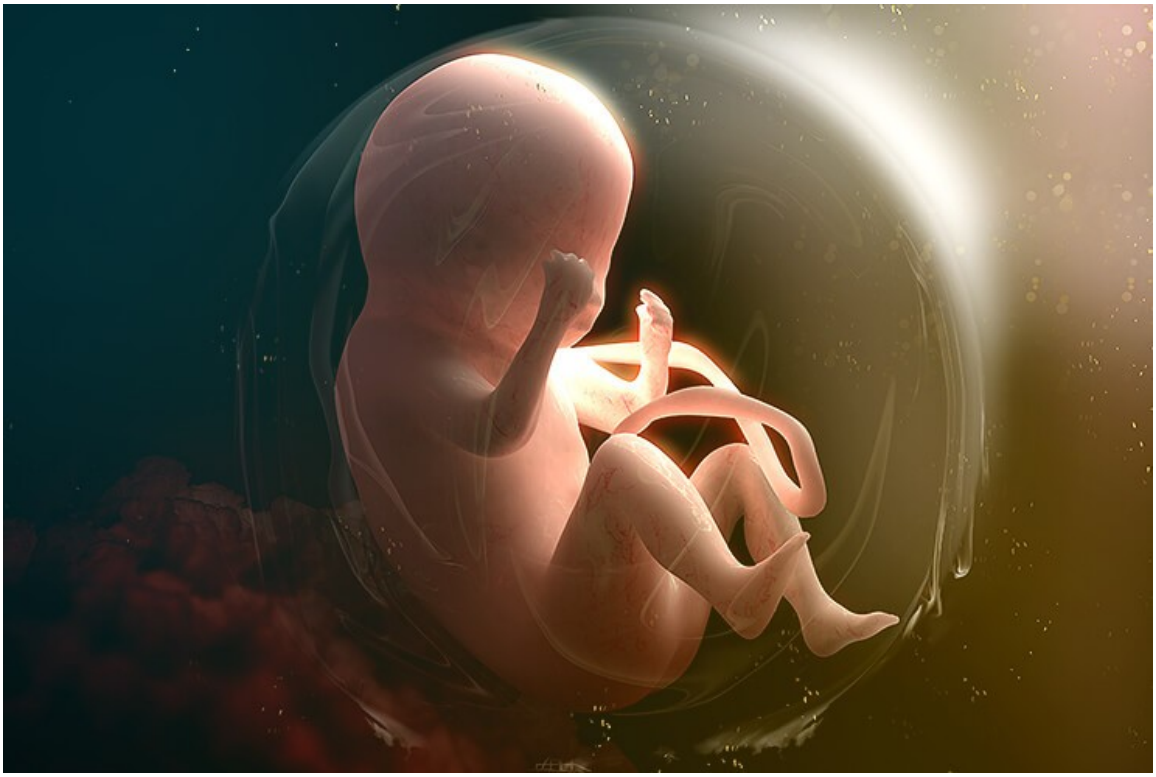
Jesus wasn't well-liked by the Pharisees in general but there were exceptions, as Nicodemus acknowledged, "We know that You are a teacher come from (OUR HEAVENLY FATHER) God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless (YOUR HEAVENLY) God is with him" (verse 2). That was not a popular belief among Pharisees, and it could be why Nicodemus came to visit Jesus at night instead of during the day.

THE BOOK OF EZEKIEL

- In the Book of Ezekiel, part of the Hebrew bible, a prophet has a vision of a flying vessel which is followed by fire, smoke and a loud noise. Some ancient alien theorists have argued that the vehicle's design closely resembles that of a modern spaceship. Rather than a divine intervention, perhaps the text describes an early encounter between humans and alien astronauts.

YOU SEE THE JEWS WORSHIPPED ALIENS AS "THEIR GODS." THEY DID NOT WORSHIP OUR HEAVENLY FATHER.

"Unless one is born again"



Nicodemus wanted to know what Jesus future kingdom would be like. Jesus then answered Nicodemus with an unexpected statement: “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God” (verse 3).

Nicodemus then asked a simple question, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” (verse 4).

Jesus again replied, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water (AMNIOTIC FLUID AND IS A SOUL) and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God” (verse 5).

Nicodemus seemed baffled by Jesus’ words (verse 9). In fact, it’s been about 2,000 years since Jesus spoke these words, and they still baffle people! What exactly did Jesus mean? What does being born again have to do with *seeing* and *entering* the Kingdom of God on earth and in heaven?

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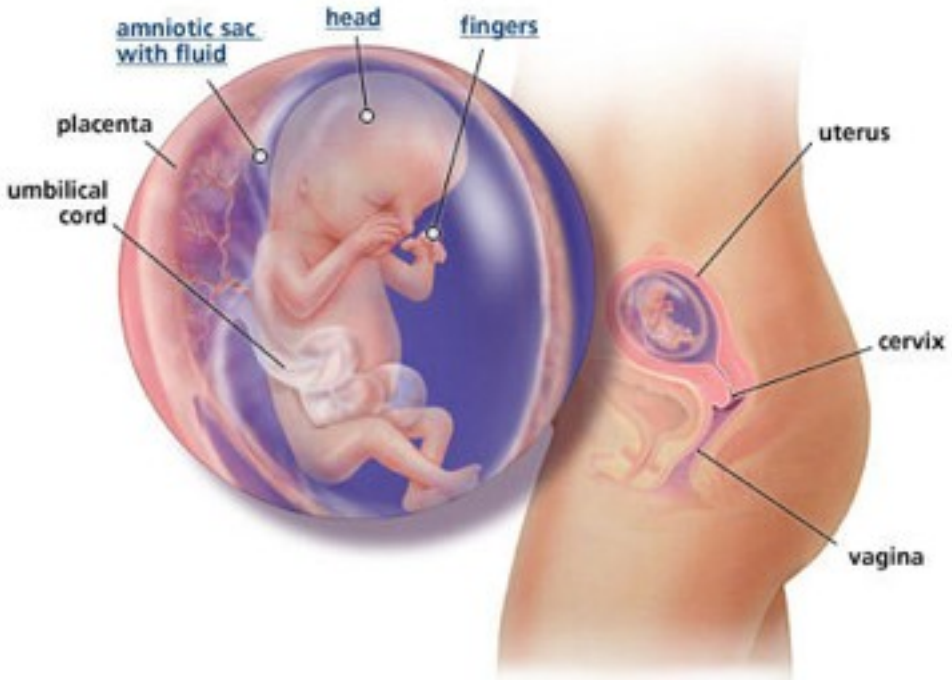
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"New Heavens"
Revelation 21:1
"I saw the Holy City, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband"
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"He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, & death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

Where is the New Jerusalem supposed to be?

New Jerusalem of Revelation 21 is 2225 km in length, width, and height. A city of these gigantic proportions cannot be located on Earth; but, as stated in Rev. 21, A New Heaven and a New Earth, the city comes "down out of Heaven from God", presumably onto, the "new earth."

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YOU SEE THE NEW KINGDOM OF GOD ON EARTH IS THE ONE JESUS WILL BRING TO EARTH VERY SOON KNOWN ALSO AS THE NEW JERUSALEM

This analogy is very important, because becoming a part of the Kingdoms of God is the purpose of human life! Jesus even told us to "seek first" the Kingdom (Matthew 6:33). To focus or time on earth seeking to become a member of this final kingdom both in heaven and on earth.

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus taught that in the future, He would come again and form a government that will rule the

entire world! But HIS KINGDOM was not yet (John 18:36). He would be bringing it to earth at the end of this current EARTH AGE

Christ will come to “sit on the throne of His glory” and rule over “all the nations” (Matthew 25:31-32). **The blessed ones, meaning the saints, will “inherit the kingdom” (verse 34**).

Nicodemus, like many of his time, misunderstood the plan of God Jesus introduced to the world. They imagined that the Messiah would come as a conquering hero to release His physical kinsmen from subjugation to the Roman Empire and other future "Powers that be." Correcting Nicodemus’ misunderstanding, Jesus told him that" **people must be born again even to see or enter the Kingdom of God.**

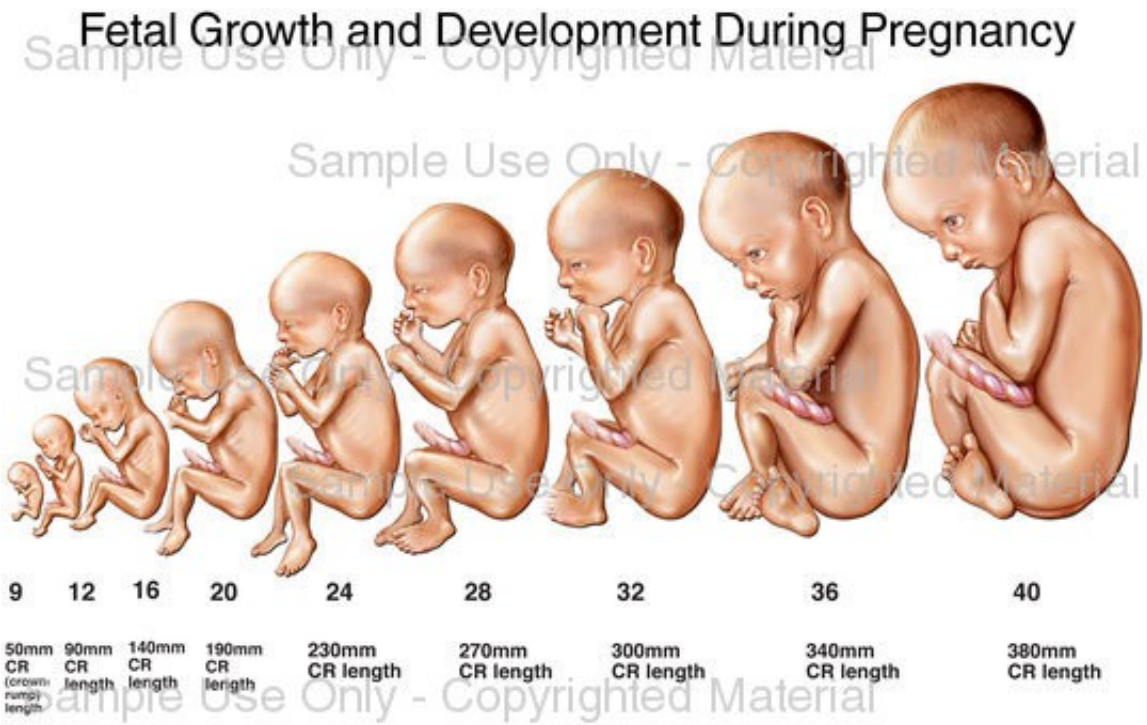
REINCARNATION IS THE NEW BIRTH

What it means to be born again

Jesus went on to define what it means to be "born again" in the ultimate sense: "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit" (John 3:6). Meaning that, a person who is born again has been reborn on earth in a flesh and blood body with a soul in order to see these events take place. WE MUST BE BORN AGAIN TODAY.

Jesus returning during the Great Tribulation to SAVE THE MEEK WHO WILL INHERIT THE EARTH

Paul identifies when this rebirth on earth would occur which is during the tribulation period we are living in today known **"at the last trumpet"** and by many other names. This is when Jesus Christ returns to earth. The word ***born*** in John 3 is translated from the Greek word *gennao*. It is difficult to find a one-word English definition of *gennao*.



Spiros Zodhiates, a well-known Greek scholar, in his volume *The Complete Word Study New Testament,* provides the following definition of *gennao which is* "to beget. It is a passive voice, which means to be born. It is mainly used for men begetting children in the woman's womb and then the woman delivers the children. (Matthew 1:20)." He also states this word is used metaphorically of God's divine (soul or spiritual) nature that is then imparted to the fetus which is to believer (John 3:3, 5, 7).

Bauer-Arndt-Gingrich's *A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature* adds the figurative meaning, which can also refer to a women giving birth to children. According to Merriam-Webster.com, "beget" means "to procreate as the father, or sire." Perhaps "sire" or "father" (verb) is as close as one can come to a one-word definition of *gennao*.

When we are born into this world, we are born into a physical body as a living being with a physical family. We are made of flesh blood water and a soul and are mortal.

But we die first we enter the Kingdom of God and we will then be “born of the Spirit”—meaning we will be transformed from a physical body on earth into spiritual body. We will no longer be physical, imperfect beings. Instead, we will be spirit beings that are taken to heaven!

When our body dies

Jesus went on to use an analogy to describe what spirit life is like: “The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit” (verse 8).

Many years later Paul wrote more details about what it means to be “born of the spirit” into the Kingdom of God:

“And as we have borne the image of the man of dust [or as Jesus said, been ‘born of the flesh’], we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man [or as Jesus said, be ‘born of the Spirit’].

"Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God (in heaven); nor does corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all

sleep (die before the Tribulation), but we (who die) shall all be changed—in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality" (1 Corinthians 15:49-53).

Paul identifies when this transformation will occur—"at the last trumpet," when Jesus Christ returns to earth (Matthew 24:31; 1 Thessalonians 4:16).

This rebirth, the change from flesh and blood to spirit, is necessary to enter the Kingdom of God in heaven. Only those who are "born of the Spirit"—those who are resurrected to incorruptible and immortal life at Christ's return—can be in the Kingdom of God.

It sounds like those who enter the New Jerusalem may be changed into spiritual bodes but that those on earth will also be transformed aka made anew somehow who become the MEEK that inherit Jesus kingdom on earth.

I don't think we are going to discover how that will all happen in a box of CRAKER JACKS.

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